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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, HA (WILFRED AMY)

SUBJECT: HAITIAN ASYLUM SEEKER

REF: (A) STATE 240991; (B) PORT AU PRINCE 2813

1. WILFRED AMY WAS ASKED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PERTAINING TO HIS ALLEGED ARRESTS IN 1972 AND 1974, AND TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF FRIENDS AND RELATIVES WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO SUPPORT OR CORROBORATE THE ALLEGATIONS HE HAS MADE IN HIS REQUEST FOR ASYLUM.

2. IN RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, HE SUPPLIED THE FOLLOWING: (A) REV. FATHER LAURENT BOHNEN, (B) REV. FATHER JACQUES MESITOR, (C) REV. FATHER VOLEL, (D) SISTER DANA, AND (E) SISTER CATHERINE, ALL RESIDING AT THE SALESIAN MISSION AT PERES SALESIENS, NO. 26 BOULEVARD, JL JACQUES DESSALINES, PORT AU PRINCE, HAITI.

3. HE ALSO SUBMITTED AN AFFIDAVIT FROM WILSON DESIR A MEMBER OF THE HAITIAN COAST GUARD REBELLION WHO IS PRESENTLY IN THE U.S. DESIR STATES THAT HE KNEW THE AMY FAMILY

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IN HAITI FOR MANY YEARS. HE ALLEGES THAT COLBERT AMY,

WILFRED'S FATHER, WAS "ARRESTED, TORTURED, AND BEATEN
ALMOST TO DEATH BY THE HAITIAN AUTHORITIES ON MAY 20, 1968

ON THE ACCUSATION OF ACTING AS ACCOMPLICE OF THE INVADERS
WHO LANDED IN HAITI ON MAY 20, 1968". DESIR ALSO ALLEGES
THAT COLBERT WAS RE-ARRESTED ONE MONTH AFTER HIS RELEASE
AND DETAINED AND TORTURED FOR FOUR MONTHS IN FORT DIMANCHE
AND WAS AGAIN RELEASED NOVEMBER 3, 1968. LEON BAPTISTE,
A FORMER SENATOR OF THE REPUBLIC, CLAUDE TOUSSAINT, JEAN
SENAT, AND RODRIGUE BAROSI WERE ALLEGEDLY ARRESTED WITH
HIM THE SECOND TIME. DESIR CLAIMS WILFRED WAS ARRESTED
TWICE IN HAITI IN NOVEMBER 1972, AND DECEMBER, 1974 BUT
PROVIDES NO OTHER INFORMATION TO SUBSTANTIATE THIS.
AMY DID NOT PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING
HIS ARRESTS.

3. DEPT. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN
VERIFYING THIS INFORMATION. AMY IS STILL BEING HELD IN
PROTECTIVE CUSTODY. THEREFORE, YOUR EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING
OF THIS MATTER WOULD BE APPRECIATED. KISSINGER

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